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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 3-31-52

WEATHER Temperatures were much below normal the first four days of the week and considerably above normal at the end. Precipitation was very light in the extreme west and north-central and moderate to locally heavy over the extreme east and south-central portions. Most of the snow from the blizzard of March 21-22 had melted by the end of the week, except for drifts in northeast and central portions.

CROPS Reports on the condition of winter wheat continue excellent throughout the state. There is a splendid supply of surface and subsoil moisture. Cheyenne county reported a total of 4 to 6 feet of snow during the past winter.

There is still a little corn to be picked. Snow and muddy fields prevented picking during the past week. There were a few reports of shortage of corn for feeding. An effort to get a larger acreage of corn will be made.

Seeding of oats was delayed due to the wet fields. If favorable weather continues, this week may see most of the oats seeded in the southern half of the state. A few oats were sown in February in extreme southeastern Nebraska. Delayed seeding because of wet fields may cause some shift in planting plans from oats to corn or some other replacement crop. Fields are too wet for seeding oats in northeastern Nebraska. Northeastern Nebraska received more snow during the winter and drifting of the last snow has caused many excessively wet spots in fields.

Many of the side roads were impassable last week, particularly, in northeastern and central Nebraska. Snow filled many of the feed lots, making them extremely muddy. Feed lots were in a very bad condition during most of March. Farmers are eager for the fields to dry so that the spring farm work can be started.

Reports on the condition of alfalfa, and the prospects for pasture and hay are excellent. Higher temperatures will produce a rapid growth in view of the favorable moisture supply. Plentiful moisture during the fall and winter prevented injury to legumes and grasses from low temperatures.

LIVESTOCK The blizzard March 21 and 22 caused some loss of newly born calves, lambs and pigs throughout the state. A few counties reported local shortages of hay. Some wheat will be pastured as soon as the fields are dry enough. Nebraska shipped 998,000 hogs into Calif. last year or slightly more than half of the imports.

Final reports give Nebraska 76,557,000 pounds of butter manufactured in 1950, a gain of 3 million pounds over the 1949 production. Chick hatchery production for the first two months of the year is down about 5%. The number of layers and pullets on hand January 1 for the country as a whole is up 3%.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 31, 1952

Eastern Division

Grand Island 0
Lincoln .01
Norfolk 0
Omaha .07
Sioux City 0

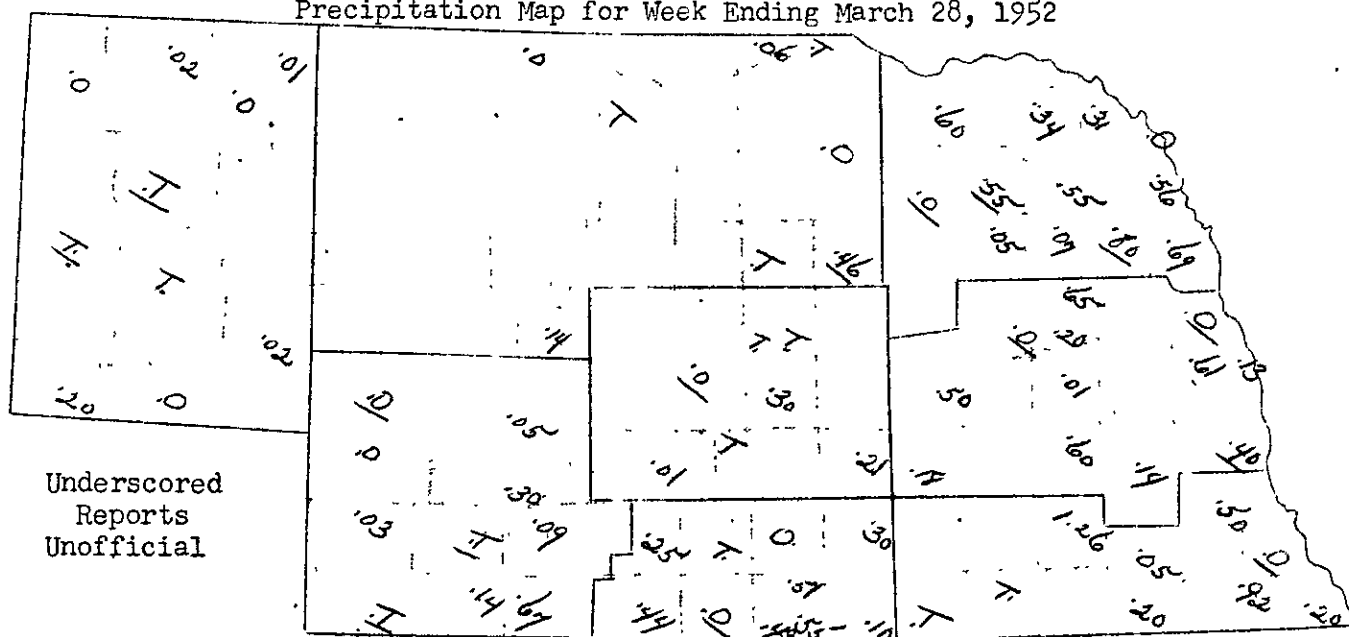
Central Division

Burwell .05
Lexington .01
North Platte 0
Valentine .02

Western Division

Chadron .02
Imperial .01
Scottsbluff 0
Sidney 0

Precipitation Map for Week Ending March 28, 1952



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (for 24 hours ending in a.m.)

		March											
		25th		26th		27th		28th		29th		30th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	39	28	38	20	42	22	56	28	65	36	65	44
	Scottsbluff	43	25	40	26	43	21	54	26	65	33	66	32
	Sidney	39	23	38	27	41	24	50	28	63	28	65	28
N-C	Burwell	32	27	40	20	43	18	57	25	63	31	73	53
	Valentine	32	26	37	20	36	17	52	26	65	35	64	36
NE	Norfolk	28	13	35	16	39	20	50	28	49	30	72	50
	Sioux City	30	7	--	--	38	17	42	24	49	30	67	46
CEN.	Grand Island	32	22	40	20	45	21	54	30	65	35	76	38
	Lexington	31	21	40	21	45	21	55	26	64	29	72	35
E-C	Lincoln	32	18	41	24	46	26	52	33	61	44	75	51
	Omaha	32	15	36	23	40	21	46	30	57	38	73	53
SW	Imperial	39	22	43	24	43	17	54	25	65	29	70	35
	North Platte	37	21	41	23	45	20	57	25	67	32	74	33

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